Claim 1 (Amended). A process for obtaining nitroxyalkylesters of the 2-(S)-(6-methoxy-2-naphthyl)-propanoic acid having an enantiomeric excess higher than or equal to 97%, characterized in that an acyl halide of 2-(S)(6-methoxy-2-naphthyl)-propanoic acid is reacted in an inert organic solvent with an aliphatic nitroxylakanol HO-Y-ONO_2, wherein Y has one of the following meanings:

- a linear or optionally branched C_1-C_{20} alkylene, or
- a cycloalkylene with ring from 3 to 8 carbon atoms, said cycloalkylene optionally substituted with one or two alkylenes as above defined, and/or with one or more alkyl radicals having in the chain a number of carbon atoms as above defined for alkylene;
- an aromatic group with ring having 5 or 6 carbon atoms, said aromatic group optionally substituted with one or two alkylenes as above defined, and/or with one or more alkyl radicals having in the chain a number of carbon atoms as above defined for alkylene, or a -COOH group;
- $-(T)_p-(CH(CH_2ONO_2)-CH_2O)_{nf}-(T)-$,

$-(T)_p-(CH_2-CH(ONO_2)-CH_2O)_{nf'}-(T)-$,

T being alkylene as above defined and p an integer equal to zero or one, alkylene having the above mentioned meaning, nf' is an integer from 1 to 6;
in the presence of an inorganic base, to give the corresponding nitroxyalkylester of the 2-(S)-(6-methoxy-2-naphthyl)-propanoic acid of formula Acyl-O-Y-ONO_2, wherein Y is as above defined.

Claim 2 **(Amended).** A process according to claim 1, wherein the aliphatic nitroxyalcohol amount on molar basis is in the range 1-2, with respect to that of the acid halide.

Claim 3 **(Twice Amended)**. A process according to claim 1, wherein the inorganic bases are hydroxides, oxides, carbonates and bicarbonates, silicates, aluminosilicates of the alkaline and alkaline-earth metals, or hydroxides, oxides, carbonates and bicarbonates of metals belonging to the group IIB, or to groups IIIa or IVa.

Claim 4 **(Twice Amended).** A process according to claim 1, wherein the inorganic base amount is in molar ratio with the acid halide amount in the range 1-2.

Claim 5 **(Twice Amended).** A process according to claim 1, wherein the reaction is carried out at a temperature in the range -20°C and 50°C.

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending. Claims 1-5 are rejected. Claims 1-5 are amended. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the application, for instance in the specification and claims as originally filed. No new matter is added. Claims 1-5 are submitted for further consideration at this time. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections.